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SUBJ: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

REF: STATE 146311

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FERNANDEZ, FIRST ASST SECRETARY, DEFENSE DIVISION) ASKED EMBOFF TO CALL JUNE 27 AND PROVIDED HIM WITH TEXT OF REFERENCE TO SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE WHICH AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS HAVE AGREED ON FOR INSERTION IN COMMUNIQUE AFTER SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETING, JULY 1-3. TEXT VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL WITH THAT IN PARA 2, REFTEL, WITH EXCEPTION OF REFERENCE TO QTE RESOLUTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY END QTE AS COMPARED TO QTE RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY END QTE IN REFTEL.

2. IN AGREEING TO SUPPORT NEW ZEALAND LANGUAGE ON SPNFZ,
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AUSTRALIANS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDINGS TO GONZ, AS FOLLOWS:

QTE (A) WE REAFFIRM TO NEW ZEALAND THAT WE WILL NOT RPT NOT CO-SPONSOR BUT WILL VOTE FOR THEIR RESOLUTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: AND

QTE (B) FOR THIS REASON WOULD NOT RPT NOT OPPOSE INCLUSION OF THE REFERENCE WHICH THEY WANT IN THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE FORUM MEETING, IF THAT WAS ALSO WHAT THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS WANTED;

QTE (C) WE ALSO INFORM NEW ZEALAND THAT WE STILL HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT THEIR SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PROPOSAL, EVEN THOUGH WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO OPPOSE THEIR DESIRE TO HAVE THEIR IDEAS ENDORSED IN GENERAL TERMS AND STUDIED FURTHER. END QTE.

3. COMMENT: FERNANDEZ EMPHASIZED THAT, WITH REGARD TO PARA 2(B) ABOVE, THIS MEANS THAT AUSTRALIA WILL NOT RPT NOT TAKE LEAD IN ADVOCATING SPNFZ. IF OTHER MEMBERS OF FORUM DO NOT RPT NOT WISH TO SUPPORT CONCEPT, GOA WOULD TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION. AUSTRALIANS UNDERSTAND THAT GONZ HAS PUT SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM COMMUNIQUE FORMULATION ABOVE TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN FORUM MEETING, BUT AUSTRALIANS ARE NOT CERTAIN OF WHAT THE POSITION OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IS.

4. EMBOFF ASKED IF GOA HAS SEEN ANY VERSION OF SPNFZ RESOLUTION WHICH GONZ WILL INTRODUCE AT UNGA. FERNANDEZ SAID HE HAD NOT RPT NOT SEEN ANY DRAFT AND UNDERSTOOD THAT GONZ WAS STILL QTE THINKING ABOUT IT END QTE.

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